



**Agenda Item Number: 2005-9-8A**

## **BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**Meeting Date:** September 13, 2005

**Department:** Fire and Rescue **Staff Contact:** Bett Clark, Fire Chief  
Don Scott, Deputy Chief, Emergency Management  
Coordinator  
John Dantis, Deputy County Manager for Public  
Safety

**TITLE:** Establishing the National Incident Management System as the County's  
Standard for Incident Management

**ACTION:** Motion to approve Administrative Resolution AR -2005 establishing the  
National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the basis for all incident  
management within Bernalillo County.

### **SUMMARY:**

As required by Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5), Management of Domestic Incidents, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) was created to form a single, comprehensive, national approach to the management of domestic incidents. NIMS is the nation's first ever-standardized approach to incident management and response. It unifies federal, state, county, territorial, tribal and local governments into one coordinated effort for domestic incidents. NIMS established a uniform set of processes, protocols, and procedures that all emergency responders, at every level of government, will use to conduct response actions. This system ensures that those involved in emergency response operations understand what their roles are and have the tools they need to be effective.

In addition to requiring implementation of the National Incident Command System (ICS), which Bernalillo County has used for over twenty years, it also provides a common foundation for training and other preparedness efforts, communicating and sharing information with other responders and with the public, ordering resources to assist with a response effort, and a common set of procedures when working individually and together to keep our country and community safe. NIMS ensure that we will all have the same preparation, the same goals and expectations, and most importantly, speak the same language.

To emphasize the importance of nationwide adoption of NIMS, the Department of Homeland Security has "directed that all federal preparedness assistance to states and local jurisdictions be tied to compliance with the requirements of NIMS. Beginning October 1, 2005, all recipients of federal preparedness funds must adopt and use NIMS as a condition for the receipt of FY06 funding." Over the last three years, Bernalillo County has received over \$1.5 million dollars for equipment from this funding source. Continued Homeland Security funding will be severely jeopardized, if not completely withdrawn, if the County is not NIMS compliant.

Our NIMS activities to date include the establishment of a NIMS working group, adoption of NIMS in the Emergency Operations Plan, completion of the required NIMS course *IS700* by approximately 150 County employees and a preliminary self assessment (National Incident Management System Capability Assessment Support Tool/NIMCAST) to evaluate our current level of compliance. Additionally, it is mandatory for the County to formally recognize and adopt NIMS principles and policies through legislation, executive orders, resolutions or ordinances.

Staff requests Board approval of the proposed resolution to comply with Federal guideline and requirements.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Administrative Resolution **AR -2005**
2. State of New Mexico Office of the Governor Executive Order 2005-0014

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

**COUNTY MANAGER**

In order to assure continued future federal funding staff recommends that the Board adopt the proposed NIMS administrative Resolution. Bernalillo County has a nationally recognized Emergency Management Program and with the adoption of NIMS, our program will continue to improve. I recommend Board approval. TL 9/7/2005

**DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Bernalillo County Office of Emergency Management is requesting approval of the NIMS Resolution to ensure compliance to Federal Homeland Security guidelines. I recommend approval of this item. Jdantis 9/6/2005

**LEGAL**

Resolution approved as to form. JSL 09/07/05

**FINANCE**

<b>Budget</b>	There will be no direct fiscal impact by approving the NIMS Resolution. Nona Lane, Accounting Officer 9/6/05
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